these have to be resolved in a democratic manner tnrough a process of dialogue and discussion. Taking recourse to violence for redress of grievances or setting of disputes would undermine the very foundation of our democrate polity. The National Integration Council resolved to meet any challenge from such extermist and anti-national forces to the unity and integrity of the country.

The National Integration Council appealed to the section of the youth in the disturbed areas which has taken to the path of violence and isolation to rejoin the national mainstream. It urged the youth not to permit itself to be exploited by the forces from across the border.

The Council underlined that in this difficult situation, effort must be made to find a common denominator and to evolve a national consensus to deal with the challenge posed by the proxy war inflicted on the country. The Council appealed to all political parties, organisations and people at large to join in normalisation of the situation in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab and to refrain from saying or doing anything which would undermine these efforts.

Applications for Pensions to Freedom Fighters

3125. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the numebr of applications for freedom fighters pensions received from each State/Union Territory during the last three years, till date;

(b) the number of applicants to whom pension has so far been granted and the number of applications rejected, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the number of applications pending for want of documents and otherwise; and

(d) whether any target date has been fixed to clear all the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) the last date for receipt of applications under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 was 31-3-82. Applications, however, continued to be received after such date. These applications were treated as delayed applications and were considered only if proper reasons for delay were given and the applications were accompanied by documentary evidence from official records, regarding the person having undergone the minimum suffering as per the Scheme. In the last three years 11,491 such delayed applications have been received the details of which are given in statement-I (*see* below). All cases received before the prescribed date as well as many delayed applications as well as many delayed applications accompanied by documentary evidence from official records, have been considered. Of the total applications received pension has been granted in 1,,60,135 cases and 3,99,457 cases have been rejected so far. Delayed cases, however, still continue to be received directly in the Ministry or through State Governments. Currently, 1321 such references received from State Governments and 8905 references received directly are pending for final decision. Since references are being continuously received it is not possible to lay down any target date for clearing pending cases. The number of cases sanctioned during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise is given in the Statement-II.

Statement I

The State-wise break-up of applications received during the years 1989, 1990, 1991 *an* 1-1-1992 *to* 29-2-1992

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of applications received
1	Andhra Pradesh	436
2	Assam	365
3	Bihar	4196
4	Gujarat	63
5	Goa including Daman and Diu	27
6	Haryana	167
7	Himachal Pradesh	84
8	Jammu & Kashmir	742
9	Karnataka	567
10	Kerala	292
11	Madhya Pradesh	78
12	Maharashtra	431
13	Manipur	74
14	Meghalaya	..
15	Mizoram	..
16	Nagaland	..
17	Orissa	271
18	Punjab	293
19	Rajasthan	176
20	Tamil Nadu	703
21	Tripura	..
22	Uttar Pradesh	1143
23	West Bengal	1283
24	Chandigarh	3
25	Delhi	61
26	Pondicherrry	35
27	Arunachal Pradesh	1
28	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	..
	TOTAL	11,491

Statement-II

The State-wise break-up of sanctioned cases during the year 1989, 1990, 1991 *and* 1-1-92 *to* 29-2-92.

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	Years		
		1989	1990	1991 upto Feb. 1992
1	Andhra Pradesh	1242	425	177
2	Assam	144	5	149
3	Bihar	908	86	483
4	Gujarat	220	7	130
5	Goa including Daman & Diu	32	4	29
6	Haryana	210	38	62
7	Himachal Pradesh	710	6	29
8	J&K	80	6	69
9	Karnataka	432	54	129
10	Kerala	154	51	235
11	Madhya Pradesh	213	5	100
12	Maharashtra	802	56	469
13	Manipur	8	..	2
14	Meghalaya	4	2	3
15	Mizoram	2	1	1
16	Nagaland	3	..	1
17	Orissa	220	10	108
18	Punjab	462	48	241
19	Rajasthan	54	13	27
20	Tamil Nadu	370	50	208
21	Tripura	32	1	29
22	Uttar Pradesh	929	19	397
23	West Bengal	1500	61	371
24	Chandigarh	3	..	3
25	Delhi	67	13	72
26	Pondicherry	42	..	11
27	Arunachal Pradesh	..	..	..
28	Andman & Nicobar Island	..	..	..
	TOTAL	8843	961	3536